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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified application, Applicants have noticed an error in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 13, 2004. Specifically, on the front page, in the "Application No.:" section, "10/772,192" should read -- 10/777, 192 --.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the material cited in the attached Information Disclosure Statement on which the application number has been corrected, and initial and return a copy of the enclosed corrected PTO-1449 form indicating that the cited material has been considered.

No fee under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) is believed to be due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed Japanese patent documents are enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 2910327 is discussed on page 13 of the subject specification. Applicants will provide an English translation of this Japanese patent document if the Examiner so requires. A copy of Japanese patent document number 3-157822, which corresponds to the '327 document, is also enclosed.


Japanese patent document number 9-045608 is discussed on page 18 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,081,614.

Applicants request that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed to be due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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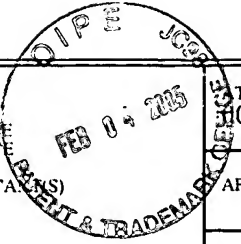
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		US-6,426,508 B1	07/30/2002	Kosugi et al.	250	548	
		2003/0160195 A1	08/28/2003	Kosugi	250	559.29	
		US-6,081,614	06/27/2000	Yamada et al.	382	151	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		9-45608	02/14/1997	Japan			Abstract
		2910327	04/09/1999	Japan			No
		3-157822	07/05/1991	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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